(b) the number of old persons kept in the old Age Homes and facilities being provided to them;

(c) whether Government propose to construct more Old Age Homes in Delhi and other parts of the country including Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Under the scheme viz. Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes Relating to Aged, the Central Government have sanctioned grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations for setting up/maintenance of 50 old age homes. There two old age homes in Delhi set up by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(b) Under the scheme of assistance to voluntary organisations for programmes relating to aged, old age home is a residential unit for atleast 25 poor/destitute aged persons of 60 years and above. Physical and Psychological well-being of the inmates is taken care of by par-time medical officer and trained social worker/counsellor. Besides, they are given free accommodation, bedding, clothing, food, medicine and recreational facilities.

(c) and (d) Under the scheme, grant-in-aid for maintenance of old age homes is uniformly available to the voluntary organisations in all States/Union Territories including Delhi & Rajasthan. However, under this scheme, no grant for construction of old age home is admissible.

Implementation of Mandal Commission's Recommendations

244. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased ot state :

(a) whether Government have taken the decision to implement the report of the Mandal Commission; if so, what is the present stage of implementation thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government have representatives of the all parties in this connection and what per cent of Government services propose to reserve in view of the recommendations made by this commission;

(c) whether Government have received the recommendations and suggestions from all the States in this regard and identification of BC(s) has been completed in all States; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have made any efforts to know the reaction of the people with regard to the said recommendations of the Commission;

(e) whether Government have intimated the Members of Parliament that Government are of the view to maintain statusquo regarding reservations; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) Based on the recommendation of the Mandal Commission, Government reserved 27% of the vacancies in civil services and posts under the Govt. of India in favour of Socially & Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs) vide OM of 13-8-1990 issues by the Deptt. of Pers. & Training.

The present Govt., after consultation with the political parties, issued an OM on 25-9-91, modifying the contents of the earlier OM of 13-8-90 in accordance with its election promises. The reservation quota of 27% for the SEBCs was, however, kept unaltered.

A 9-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court which heard a bunch of writ petitions entitled Indira Sawhney & Others Vs Union of India & Ors. challenging the constitutional validity of the two office Memoranda, upheld the constitutional validity of reservation in Govt. Jobs for the OBCs subject to the exclusion on socially advanced persons/sections (Creamy Layer) from the benefits of reservation.

A revised OM in the light of directions of the Supreme Court was accordingly issued on 8-9-1993 which takes effected from the date of its issue.

(c) As on the date of the Supreme Court Judgement, only 14 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and U. P. had notifitd lists of OBCs for the purpose of reservation in State Government services. Accordingly, those of the State Governments which did not notify lists of OBCs, were requested by the Ministry of Welfare to notify the lists of OBCs so that the OBCs population in those states are not deprived of the benefits of reservation.

The States of Rajasthan and Orissa have notified the lists of OBCs on September 1 and September 22, 1993 respectively. Sikkim has also identified the OBCs. The State Govts. of Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh have intimated that they have no OBCs population, the matter is being pursued with the other State Governments.

(d) Most of the Election Manifestos of political parties for the General Election, 1991 contained a promise regarding implementation of Mandal Commission's recommendations regarding reservation for the backward classes. It is, therefore, presumed that the recommendation by and large had the support of the majority of people.

(e) and (f) In regard to the provision of reservation in promotions for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, the Welfare Minister made a statement in the House on 23rd December, 1992 and assured that there would be no immediate disturbance of the present dispensation regarding promotions for SCs/STs. The Department of Personnel & Training have issued instructions on 19th August, 1993 to all the Ministries/Departments to ensure that the existing provisions of reservation for SCs/STs in the matter of promotion are implemented without fail.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Sixty-eighth Session of the Rajya Sabha

SECRETARY-GENERAL : Madam, I lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Sixty-eighth Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4591A/93].

Annual Plan, 1993-94

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : Madam, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Plan, 1993-94. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4360/93].

Notification of the Ministry of Labour

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 35 of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour Notification G. S. R. No. 573(E), dated the 25th August, 1993, publishing the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Central (Amendment) Rules, 1993. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4545/93].

Various Ordinances (1993) promulgated by the President

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Ordinances under sub-clause (a) of clause (2) of article 123 of the Constitution :—

(1) The Protection of Human Rights Ordinance, 1993 (No. 30 of 1993) promulgated by the President on the 28th September, 1993. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4567/93].